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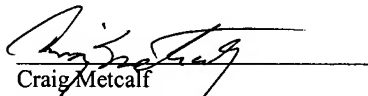
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1. German Patent Application No. DE 198 52 315 A1 published May 18, 2000 discloses: The steering wheel has a rim (2) and a device for varying the tactile characteristics of at least one section (4) of the rim with a chamber filled with fluid and an arrangement for varying the pressure of the fluid, e.g. with vehicle operating states. The annular chamber can be mounted on a supporting structure for the steering wheel rim. The viscosity of the fluid can be varied. An Independent claim is also included for a method of driving a steering wheel.
2. European Patent Application No. EP 0 414 300 A1 published February 27, 1991 discloses: In order to reduce the mass inertial moment, the steering wheel rim (4) which is of tubular cross-section of a skeleton construction for motor vehicle steering wheels is partially filled with a fluid medium (6).

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